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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to urge the Commission to approve LightSquared's launch as soon as possible assuming someone can give more evidence that our GPS devices will quit working. Having seen nothing to suggest it, in fact I've seen more to suggest the opposite, I respectfully suggest fairness and economic opportunity prevail and a new national wireless broadband network be allowed to move forward.

It's ironic this fight is happening when you look at what's happening in that industry. Demand is going up and yet no new investment or infrastructure is being done to keep up with this demand. It would be as if Americans were buying houses as quickly as they came available and the U.S. Government to Realtors they can't sell them anymore because there's a far outside chance that something could go wrong. That logic is nothing short of flawed in my opinion.

The President has called for more broadband and his Commission agreed. In fact, anyone who follows this sort of thing realizes we face a huge problem if America doesn't pick up the pace, because our global competitors stand ready to take our place and they don't have pesky regulations that could hold them back.

So I'm writing today to stand up and speak on behalf of American values that say we'll control our own destiny and we'll let private markets and other citizen-based institutions have as much, if not more ability to make or break our nation. Because Americans know that when given the chance, we will succeed. It's when we let our fears cloud our decisions that we've become slow, weak and vulnerable.

I've followed a standout American company called LightSquared who has proposed building a 4G-LTE network that will expand broadband at a time when we need it badly.

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Further, this is wireless. I recall previous debates and I do hope those arguments aren't dragging down what is surely to be a tremendous success story around the world and another example of America's greatness.

It would be a mistake to not point out that this network is privately funded. LightSquared is as smart on the business development and partnership front as they are on the technology front because they are more fully and efficiently using spectrum they and their predecessors have. Now that's the kind of out of the box thinking we need today!

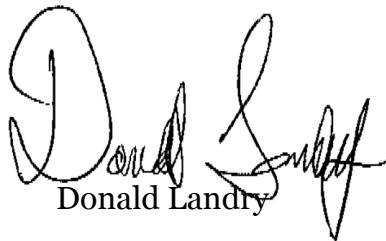
The result will be 260 million Americans, including many in rural areas, able to get on the internet, wirelessly. That may not be a big deal in Washington, but in rural areas, this is a massive leap into the future.

And while I recognize that the arguments of GPS interference have been raised, they aren't necessarily completely accurate. This issue has been and continues to be tested and it only affects a handful of GPS units. If we give up a chance to rollout the largest wireless broadband network that will create jobs, wealth and keep America strong, then there is something surely amiss in Washington today.

But I'm confident you will agree with unemployed Americans and private industry over the politicians, especially those who have been carrying water for the GPS industry for years. I feel what I've read about in terms of the GPS industry pressure tactics is grossly inappropriate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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